

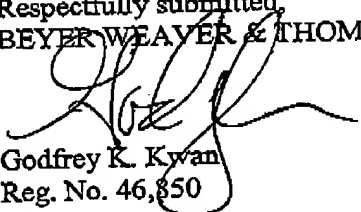
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-31 are pending. Claims 32-93 are withdrawn from consideration. Independent claims 1, 18, 25, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rhim (6,006,022). Dependent claims 13 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten to include any base and intervening claim limitations.

Although the independent claims 1, 18, 25, and 31 are believed allowable in their present form, the independent claims have been amended to facilitate prosecution. Independent claims 1, 18, 25, and 31 have been amended to incorporate the recitations of dependent claims 13 and 24. Consequently, independent claims 1, 18, 25, and 31 are now believed allowable. Applicants reserve the right to pursue additional claims and currently withdrawn claims in a continuation application.

In light of the above remarks relating to independent claims, the remaining dependent claims are believed allowable for at least the reasons noted above. Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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